

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicants' attorney during the discussion held November 16, 2004, in the above-identified application. During the discussion, Applicants' attorney noted that certified English translations of the three Japanese priority applications were filed in the parent application herein, and accepted by the Examiner. The Examiner agreed that a copy of the certification filed in the parent application would be acceptable in the present application for purposes of demonstrating entitlement to priority.

The rejection of Claims 8, 9 and 30-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as anticipated by WO01/07518 (Maekawa et al), is respectfully traversed. **Submitted herewith** is a copy of the certification filed in the parent application, certifying that the English translations of the certified copies of the three Japanese priority applications were true and correct translations. As discussed above, the Examiner has agreed to accept this copy in the present application. Thus, Maekawa et al, with a publication date of February 1, 2001, is not prior art herein. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

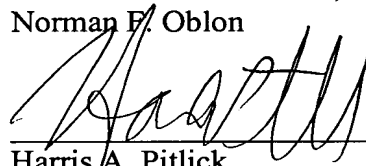
The rejection of Claims 8-13 and 27-36 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-25 of U.S. 6,610,774 (the parent patent), is respectfully traversed. **Submitted herewith** is a terminal disclaimer over the parent patent. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

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All of the presently-pending claims in this application are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION

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declare that I know well both Japanese and English.

I certify that the English translations submitted
with, and discussed at page 2 of, the amendment filed
August 6, 2002 of the above-identified application are true
and correct English translations of the certified copies
of Japanese patent application Nos. 2000-196818, 2000-196819
and 2001-13941 to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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